



I-75 Planning/ Environmental Study

Frequently Asked Questions (update April 2004)

Q: #1: What is this study about?

A: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is concerned about maintaining the safety of motorists and the strength of the economy in Oakland County. I-75 is the main north-south roadway through the county, carrying 150,000 to 200,000 vehicles per day.

The freeway varies between three and four lanes in each direction. Earlier studies indicated a need for widening the freeway to four lanes in each direction between 8 Mile Road and M-59. This covers approximately 18 miles of Oakland County, including the busiest stretches of I-75 in the county's southern end. As part of this current study, MDOT is also looking at reconstructing the 12 Mile Road and 14 Mile Road interchanges to improve safety and efficiency. Earlier studies also indicated a need for the Road Commission of Oakland County to improve major local roads near I-75.

Q: #2: What is the purpose of this study?

A: The purpose of the current study is to complete an Environmental Impact Statement for review by federal and state agencies. An EIS is required before they can approve any funding for corridor improvements.